# COST-OPTIMIZED SALARY PROCESSES WITH PAYROLL FACTORY

Outsourcing ensures cost variability, flexibility & compliance at a global convention group



Challenge

100% Compliance with regulations

Solution

**Standardization** of salary process for numerous subsidiaries

Benefit

99.5% Correctness of payroll accounting

The complexity of salary accounting has been increasing for years. Legislative requirements at national and European level, collective agreements, but also mergers and acquisitions lead to ongoing changes that must be mapped in the accounting system. Since the client, a global technology, services and finance company has outsourced payroll accounting to SPS as a full-service provider, the company can rely on the fact that billing is carried out in compliance with the law. Thanks to cost variabilization, the company also benefits economically.

The complexity required for an employee to receive salary and payslip is often underestimated. The correct calculation, taking into account all factors from company agreements, sick leave, overtime or on-call duty, deductions from taxes and social insurance, the requirements for reporting procedures and even tax and social security audits – demands constantly increasing effort.

In the specific case there are also organizational challenges, since the company not only operates many independent subsidiaries, but depending on strategy adjustment or profitability, takeovers or company sales take place.

## **Outsourcing reduces personnel efforts**

Through outsourcing, fixed costs in the HR department remain low and ensure flexible reaction to changing conditions at any time without having to increase or reduce headcount.

IT also benefits from outsourcing responsibility to SPS. The timely implementation of all legal changes in SAP HCM is not always without problems. The company does not need internal SAP specialists responsible for implementing the often complex changes nor has to qualify backups, in case of vacation or illness, for this business-critical task.

Our HR solutions are always up to date, because SPS reacts immediately when legislative or organizational changes are pending. Whether through mergers, changed processes or legal requirements: We can rely on the fact that everything is mapped to the payroll system on time.



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Through centrally addressing all legal requirements in its Payroll Factory, SPS ensures that the customer's procedure complies with the law. Whether GDPR or ISAE 3402 Compliance – the client does not need to worry about security and data protection either.

Since the Payroll Factory is used for numerous SPS customers, the client also benefits from effective updates or release changes that are implemented once and rolled out into the system clients.

#### **Outsourcing ensures standardization**

Since accounting for all subsidiaries in Germany is managed by SPS, the standardization of payroll accounting is guaranteed. If the client takes over a company, SPS takes over the payroll management. The main task in this is to adapt internal company agreements or tariffs to the group standard. In doing so, the sometimes completely different criteria of the works agreement must be taken into account. The example of anniversary bonuses after 25 years of service illustrates what standardization means: How much is paid out? Are shift times valued separately? How is parental leave dealt with? Questions such as these must neither disadvantage employees nor undermine company-wide standards.

Depending on the size of the company and the systems used, takeovers have so far been implemented within a few months.

#### More than just payroll accounting

From the client's point of view, the payroll processing with SAP HCM is extremely satisfactory. SPS's team of clerks has extensive quality assurance routines in place to ensure 99.5% payroll accuracy.

At the company, SPS is not only responsible for payroll accounting, but also supports other payroll-related processes. The entire time management – including overtime, shift pay and bonuses – is also handled with the Payroll Factory. In addition, a portal is maintained where employees use Employee Self Service to obtain salary and HR-relevant information. With the help of workflows, approved vacation requests flow directly into the Payroll Factory.



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### About the client

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